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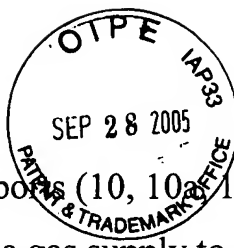
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant respectfully requests that the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. A translation of the foreign language document(s) is not readily available.

The documents submitted herewith were cited in a Search Report (copy enclosed) issued in a European application corresponding to the above-referenced application.

U.S. Patent No. 5,380,171 (corresponds to German Publication DE 43 27 506 cited in the Search Report) discloses a turbo vacuum pump.

Germany Publication DE 37 16 221 discloses a turbomolecular pump including a rotor (1) supported in gas bearings (3,4,5) and supported in the housing



by ball supports (10, 10a, 12, 10b) which provide for rotation of the rotor when the pressure of a gas supply to one of the gas bearings (4,5,7) diminishes.

French Patent No. 1,475,765 discloses a turbomolecular pump with a high-speed rotor supported radially by an electromagnetic support (10, 12, 12a) and an electromagnetic bearing (20)

Patent Abstract of Japan JP-07217586 A discloses a turbo vacuum pump.

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OTHER RELATED ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AR		Patent Abstract of Japan JP-07 217 586, August 1995
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